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For: Hydrostatic Stepless Transmission	

**Claim For Priority Under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d)
In Utility Application**

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Sir:

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) is hereby claimed to the following priority document, filed in a foreign country within twelve (12) months prior to the filing of the above-referenced United States utility patent application:

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JAPAN	JP2003-21669	January 30, 2003

Prompt acknowledgment of this claim is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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